

Floor price for alcohol

Julia Stafford's opinion piece makes a strong case for the introduction of a minimum floor price for alcohol (*Opinion*, 9/10).

With some alcohol products being sold for as little as 24¢ per standard drink, alcohol is cheaply readily available in WA.

But we know cheap alcohol comes at a cost and West Australians are drinking at levels well above the national average. This is taking a toll on our hospitals, health services and police resources.

The Public Health Association of Australia strongly supports the introduction of minimum pricing.

As a member of the WA Alcohol and Youth Action Coalition, we want to see a reduction in alcohol-related harm in WA. A minimum price for alcohol will go a long way to help us achieve that.

For those of us who enjoy the occasional drink in moderation, introducing a minimum floor price will have minimal impact, while helping reduce drinking among the heaviest drinkers in the community.

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